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FOR SSM

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ASEC
SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT

REF: STATE 061168 AND STATE 057836

1. AS REQUESTED, WE ARE INITIATING PROGRESS REPORTS ON THE PERIMETER SECURITY CONSTRUCTION AND UPGRADING OF THE WATER SYSTEM. THE BACK-UP ALERT SYSTEM IS COMPLETED, SAVE FOR ADJUSTMENTS AS THE COMPONENTS SETTLE IN TO CONTINUED OPERATION.

2. THREE MATTERS NEED URGENT SSM ATTENTION. FIRST, WE HAVE NO SURE ETA

ON THE GFE TRANSMITTERS FOR THE E-FIELD/SSCS PERIMETER FENCE SYSTEMS. TWENTY-IVE ARE EXPECTED AND THEY ARE SCHEDULED FOR INSTALLATION APRIL ONE TO THREE. AS THEY HAVE FREQUENCY SETTINGS FOR THE SECURITY SYSTEM, WE CANNOT EASILY SUBSTITUTE THE SENSOR TRANSMITTERS ON HAND. WITHOUT THESE TRANSMITTERS, WE WILL HAVE NO CAPABILITY EVEN WHEN ALL THE REST OF THE SYSTEM IS COMPLETED ON APRIL SEVEN. SECOND, WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY SHIPPING DOCUMENTS (ORIGINAL BILL OF LADING) ON THE RO WATER TANK. IT HAS ARRIVED IN HAIFA BUT WE NEED DOCUMENTATION ASAP FROM YOU TO CLEAR CUSTOMS. THIRD, WE HAVE NO INDICATION THAT THE RO UNIT HAS BEEN SHIPPED. NEED ETA SOONEST.

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3. PERIMETER SECURITY

A. THE TWO TV TOWERS HAVE BEEN ERECTED. THE TV CAMERAS AND SPOTLIGHTS HAVE BEEN GROUND TESTED WITH GOOD RESULTS. THEY ARE SCHEDULED TO BE MOUNTED NEXT WEEK WHEN THE CABLES TO THE TOWERS AND GHANAIAAN OUTPOSTS ARE LAID.

B. ABOUT 90 PERCENT OF INSULATORS FOR THE E-FIELD WIRES HAVE BEEN MOUNTED ON THE PERIMETER FENCE. ABOUT 70 PERCENT OF THE

E-FIELD WIRING HAS BEEN STRUNG. ROUGH DITCHING FOR THE SSCS CABLE HAS BEEN COMPLETED BUT CONSIDERABLE HAND WORK WILL BE REQUIRED FOR CABLE PLACEMENT. FOUR OF THE NINE E-FIELD POSTS, SOLAR PANELS AND BATTERIES HAVE BEEN INSTALLED (SECTORS 2 TO 8; FROM THE DIRT DUMP ROAD AROUND TO THE GHANBATT PLATOON). THE REMAINING E-FIELD SECTIONS SHOULD BE FINISHED BY MARCH 25. INSTALLATION OF THE SSCS CABLE WILL THEN START AND SHOULD BE DONE BY APRIL 1.

C. THE EQUIPMENT CABINETS FOR THE READOUT PANELS ARE BEING ASSEMBLED. LAST SHIPMENT OF PARTS ARRIVED TODAY. THERE HAS BEEN SOME SHIPMENT DAMAGE BUT ALL COMPONENTS APPEAR OPERABLE AND ARE BEING HOOKED UP. TWO MORE DAYS' WORK ESTIMATED ON THESE. THE DISPLAY PANELS WILL BE CHECKED OUT BY MARCH 22.

D. WORK ON THE CABLE LINES (TV, SPOTLIGHT, DISPLAY PANELS, INTERCOM)

STARTED TODAY. THESE RUN TO THE TWO TOWERS AND TO THE THREE GHANAIAAN OPS. EXPECT ABOUT THREE DAYS FOR COMPLETION.

E. THE SDSCS CABLE COMPLETING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE RACON SYSTEM HAS NOT FUNCTIONED WELL. IT APPEARS TO REGISTER WATER SURGES AND ITS SIGNAL HAS BEEN PICKED UP AT GIDDI EAST. WE PROPOSE TO REPLACE IT WITH A SECTION OF E-FIELD MATERIAL TAKEN FROM THE SPARES. FIFTEEN E-FIELD UNITS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FOR THE NINE SECTORS OF PERIMETER FENCE.

4. RO WATER SYSTEM

A. THE FORMS FOR KK BUILDING AND TANK WERE FINISHED LAST WEEK. CONCRETE ARRIVED AND WAS POURED TODAY.

B. NEXT JOB WILL BE ERECTING THE KK BUILDING. THIS SHOULD TAKE TWO DAYS.

C. TANK HAS ARRIVED IN HAIFA BUT WE URGENTLY NEED SHIPPING
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DOCUMENTATION TO CLEAR CUSTOMS. INSTALLATION SHOULD TAKE THREE DAYS.

D. NO WORD HAS BEEN RECEIVED ON ARRIVAL OF THE RO UNIT. IT IS TO BE DIRECT SHIPPED FROM THE PLANT.

E. SOME PLUMBING FOR THE SYSTEM HAS BEEN STARTED. THIS AND INSTALLATION OF RO UNIT MAY TAKE WEEK OR MORE DEPENDING ON AVAILABILITY OF MANPOWER.

5. THE SUGGESTED REPORTING FREQUENCY SEEMS A BIT TIGHT. THERE ARE ONLY TWO WORKDAYS BETWEEN REPORT PERIODS. THE PACE OF ACHIEVEMENT, OR DEVELOPMENT OF PROBLEMS, WOULD NOT APPEAR SO RAPID AS TO REQUIRE SUCH CLOSE COVERAGE. UNLESS YOU DIRECT OTHERWISE, WE WILL REPORT TWICE WEEKLY, ON TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS.
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